

MINUTES
WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL
April 7, 2015
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

A roll call was taken.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Staryzynski, Mark Saladin, Maureen Larson, RB Thompson, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, M. Turner.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Community and Economic Development Director Cort Carlson, Chief Lowen, Director of Public Works Paul Ruscko, City Planner Nancy Baker, Economic Development Coordinator Joe Napolitano.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Arleen Quinn, Woodstock Celebrates Rodney Paglialong.

Mayor Sager called the meeting to order, asked for Council consensus to move the meeting to Woodstock High School after the presentation by Woodstock Celebrates Rodney Paglialong. This move will provide everyone the opportunity to participate in the meeting, accommodate the open meetings act and to continue Woodstock City Council's commitment to engage and invite the public with issues important to you.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2015/2016 Budget

A. FLOOR DISCUSSION: Presentation by Woodstock Celebrates

Woodstock Celebrates Rodney Paglialong, 325 Dacy St. Woodstock said there will be a Welles Centennial Festival on May 8-9, 15-16, 22-23. Mr. Paglialong spoke of Mr. Welles achievements as an actor and artist. For more information go to welleswoodstock.com

There was a consensus by council to move the meeting to Woodstock High School to accommodate the community attending tonight. Council meeting will reconvene in twenty minutes at 7:35 PM.

There were no additional public comments at Council Chambers.

Meeting was reconvened at Woodstock High School at 7:35 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Staryzynski, Mark Saladin, Maureen Larson, RB Thompson, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, M. Turner.

Motion by J. Dillon, seconded by RB Thompson to open public hearing.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner . Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

FY 2015/16 Budget

1. Public Comments:

Molly Oakford, 1341 Winslow Circle, Woodstock, said that she would like to see recycling bins and waste bins be a different color and be in all parks. She said she would also like to see benches on walking paths at City Park.

Scott Gessert, 810 Gerry St, Woodstock, said he is opposed to spending \$120,000 for home rule census. He feels this should be on the 2016 referendum which would include the community in decision making and eliminate the cost of another special census.

There were no additional public comments to proposed 2015/16 budget for city.

Motion by M. Saladin, seconded by RB Thompson to close the public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2015/16 budget for Woodstock City.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner . Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Alan Stebbons, chair of the Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission asked that the date of the minutes from November 24, 2015 be changed to Historic Preservation Commission Meeting November 24, 2014.

Council comments:

M. Larson invited the public to the Opera House on April 22 for the Urban Panel results for the Courthouse.

M. Saladin, member of the Economic Development Corporation, stated that the EDC has made great contacts with the Chicago export initiative so if you do have a manufacturing business and want to get into the export business we can put you in touch with the appropriate contact to assist you.

There were no additional comments from Council.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M Turner, second by J Dillon to concur with Consent Agenda Items **B – E 10**.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner . Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Sager asked for Items E 11 and 12 to be removed for consideration.

RB Thompson asked for items E 2 and 3 to be removed for consideration.

D. Frick asked for Item E 1 to be removed for consideration at the consensus of Council

B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

March 17, 2015 City Council Meeting

March 25, 2015 Special City Council Meeting

C. WARRANTS: 3657 3658

D. MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Community and Economic Development Report – February 2015

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes – January 26, 2015

E. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

1. **Public Comments – Open Meetings** – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-20 adding Sections 1.5.4, 1.5.8 and 2.1.3 of the Woodstock Municipal Code to establish and record rules for public comment at all open meetings.
2. **Liquor License Moratorium** – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-21 establishing a moratorium on the acceptance of liquor license applications for certain applications.
3. **Waiver of Building Permit Fees** – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-22 waiving building permit fees for Guy Spinelli LLC for property at 1150 McConnell Road.
4. **Revolving Loan Fund** – Approval of the recommendation for the Revolving Loan guidelines and procedures.
5. **Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Agreement** – Adoption of Resolution 15-R-10 authorizing a Tolling Agreement between the City of Woodstock and Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) .
6. **Multi-Use Path Construction** – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-23 authorizing a joint agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Woodstock for the construction of a multi-use path along Route 14 from Lake Avenue to West Lake Shore Drive.
7. **2015-2016 Police-High School Liaison** – Approval of the 2015-2016 Police-High School Liaison Agreement between District 200 and the City of Woodstock.

8. Professional Services - Approval of the Engineering Services proposal from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. for the 2015 Street Maintenance Resurfacing Program. It is recommended that the proposal from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. for preliminary engineering professional services for the 2015 Street Maintenance Resurfacing Program be approved for an amount not-to-exceed \$65,208.

9. Award of Bid – Mosquito Control Services – Recommendation to waive the requirement for competitive bids and award a contract for 2015 Mosquito Control Services to Clarke. It is recommended that the City waive the requirement for competitive bids to provide mosquito control services and award a contract for 2015 mosquito control services to Clarke for the quoted price of \$4,817 per each application of larvae control products and \$4,376 per each application for adult mosquito spraying.

10. Change Order - Old Courthouse – Adoption of Resolution 15-R-11 authorizing Change Order 004 for the Old Courthouse.

11. 217-219 N. Benton Street - Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness for 217-219 N. Benton Street.

12. Governor Rauner’s “Turnabout Agenda” – Consideration and approval of a Resolution in Support of the “Turnaround Agenda” for Local Government Empowerment and Reform as requested by Governor Rauner.

Item E 1 Public Comments – Open Meetings – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-20 adding Sections 1.5.4, 1.5.8 and 2.1.3 of the Woodstock Municipal Code to establish and record rules for public comment at all open meetings.

Donald Frick 334 S. Jefferson Woodstock, wondered what prompted this change. Mayor Sager asked the city attorney to comment. Ruth Schlossberg said that the law changed in 2011 at the State level. This required the public to be permitted to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body. In most of our communities we felt that as long as it was their practice to permit comments, and Woodstock is a model as the most meticulous in permitting public comments, we never took the position that you had to pass an ordinance setting up new rules. Last fall the attorney general’s office issued a couple of opinions, one of which was, regardless of the fact that a municipality had a long standing practice of operating in a certain way, because they failed to record them they could not rely on them as a legal defense.

It became clear that the public counselor’s position was they actually need to be written rules. We had to pass this to comply with state law so we drafted rules that we tried to make both consistent with public counselor access opinions, making sure we were complying with the State law interpretation and were consistent with Woodstock’s habits of having consistently open comments.

Mr. Frick was concerned that the public agenda not be too technical and that there be a audio and video recording of public meetings.

Mayor Sager replied that Council is always willing to improve communications and this in no way is intended to restrict that. RB Thompson said that most cities have a limit of three minutes; Mayor Sager replied that Woodstock has never limited comments to a specific time allowing the community to express themselves, while Item 3 does provide guidelines, it will not limit time.

Motion by M. Turner, seconded by J. Dillon concerning Public Comments – Open Meetings – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-20 adding Sections 1.5.4, 1.5.8 and 2.1.3 of the Woodstock Municipal Code to establish and record rules for public comment at all open meetings.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Item E 2 Liquor License Moratorium – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-21 establishing a moratorium on the acceptance of liquor license applications for certain applications.

RB Thompson questioned the moratorium on liquor license applications. He felt that the commission should be able to function even if the Mayor is out of town. The Mayor explained that the move away from a commission was to quickly address concerns with the applicant simply having to make an appointment with the mayor without having to schedule it at a monthly meeting. The moratorium is to be able to have more of a handle when large amounts of applications come forward except for special events such as:

K Retailer Not for Profit Event

KK Chamber of Commerce

M-1 Retailers Special Event Including Consumption

M-2 Retailers Special Event Beer and Wine Only/No Consumption

N-1 Not for Profit Event Permit

N-2 Not for Profit Daily Event Permit

The reason for the ordinance is that currently the City is receiving a large number of liquor license requests, including requests to modify existing license classifications or establish new license classifications to accommodate unique business interests. City Council's intent is to protect the public health and safety relative to licensing the sale of a controlled substance.

M. Saladin, seconded by M. Turner was in favor of adopting an ordinance establishing a moratorium on the acceptance of liquor license applications for certain applications in the City.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Item E 3 Waiver of Building Permit Fees – Adoption of Ordinance 15-O-22 waiving building permit fees for Guy Spinelli LLC for property at 1150 McConnell Road.

Mr. Spinelli plans on moving his paper business, currently located in Huntley, IL,

to this facility. His total investment in the property, building renovations, furniture, equipment, etc. is estimated to be in excess of \$2 million. Guy's E. Paper, LLC currently employs 28 full-time personnel. With the proposed relocation and expansion, that number would increase by up to 10 additional within the first three months of relocating and 10 to 15 more in year two.

Mr. Spinelli has asked if the City offered any incentives to assist with the costs associated with the purchase and renovation of the building which will bring an anticipated 28 new full-time jobs to the City with up to 60 jobs when the project is complete. Since he is prepared to move now he cannot wait for the potential approval of the Enterprise Zone and its associated benefits (50% building permit fee waiver, tax abatement).

Mayor Sager and M. Saladin thanked Mr. Spinelli for investing in the community. This move is consistent with the City's economic development goals of providing new employment opportunities and filling vacant industrial spaces.

Motion by J. Dillon, seconded by M. Saladin to adopt an ordinance waiving building permit fees for Guy Spinnelli LLC for property at 1150 McConnell Rd.

A roll call was taken: Ayes:, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon, M. Saladin, M. Larson, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner . Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Item E 11. 217-219 N. Benton Street - Appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness for 217-219 N. Benton Street.

Paul Glenn of PSTM Architecture represents the owner Mark Bezik. He is familiar with the style of architecture and has worked on numerous projects of a similar nature. His firm is familiar with Department of Interior Rehab Standards, and he is a registered architect for the State Historic Commission. Mr. Glenn described the proposed work, focusing on the façade and brick work. He also noted the owner's request to replace many of the windows and change the color scheme, referencing the five photos included in the proposal. Mr. Glenn also noted that the proposed brickwork would maintain the current diamond pattern, but would use new bricks, not recycled bricks.

Mr. Glenn and Mr. Bezik previously appeared before the Commission seeking approval to install new storefronts and upper story windows, and to remove and replicate the existing brick work on both buildings. The majority of the discussion focused on the proposed removal of the existing brick veneer front facades and the installation of new brick across both facades.

The Commission thought that the use of the same brick across both storefronts would create a single unified appearance that was not appropriate for the buildings and that once the brick was replaced there would be no original materials on the front of either building.

Motion by M. Turner, seconded by M. Larson for M. Bezik and the Historic Preservation Commission to meet and work out the issue.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, J. Dillon,

Mayor Sager, Mike Turner, M. Saladin . Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None.
Motion carried.

Item E 12. Governor Rauner’s “Turnabout Agenda” – Consideration and approval of a Resolution in Support of the “Turnaround Agenda” for Local Government Empowerment and Reform as requested by Governor Rauner.

Those in opposition to Item E 12 are listed below:

Joel Sanchez 8718 Crystal Springs Rd, Woodstock
Ken Edwards 6200 Joliet Rd
Ryan Mains 10548 Oxford Dr Huntley
Bob Passarella 765 Munshaw Ln Crystal Lake
Vern Bauman 3702 Fawn Lane Wonder Lake
M. Zimmerman 4511 Doty Rd Woodstock (no show)
Kieth Menge 1642 Tappan Woodstock
Daniel Schroder 5714 Amber Way Johnsburg
Guy Busch 4001 Crabapple Ln Wonder Lake
Brian Johnson 1500 Wing St Elgin
Art Peterson 164 Ridgewood Woodstock (no show)
Bob Paddock 300 Buckingham Algonquin
Ed Flavin 719 Harrison Algonquin
Duane Peiffer 290 Verbena Ln Woodstock
Jack Canniff 280 Columbia Elmhurst
Jim Smith 11701 Timothy Woodstock
Dave Heelein 412 Hill St Woodstock
Shannon Laidig 410 Dean St Woodstock (no show)
Jennifer Waldock 329 Terry Woodstock (no show)
Bill Donato 338 Hayward Woodstock
Key Kittna 8010 Belvue Ave Spring Grove
Bob Teuber 1251 Sandpiper Ln Woodstock
Lynn Krause 417 Park Woodstock
Rick Ross 401 Porloff St Woodstock (no show)
Lenore Beyer Claw 875 Carol Woodstock (no show)
Kristen Zahorle 8 Fenview Algonquin
Michael Bissett 971 Brittany Bend LITH
Tom Aellig 826 Wheeler St Woodstock
John Peter Creighton 2728 Crystal Lake Rd Cary (no show)
John Peters 4707 Ashley Dr McHenry
Geogry Las 13901 Sunset Ridge Rd Woodstock (no show)
Stan Gabrielse 1002 Powers Rd Woodstock (no show)
Sandra Bacon 4020 Seneca Rd Wonder Lake (no show)
Elisabeth Danato 338 Hayward Woodstock (no show)
Allen Stebbas 508 Dean Woodstock
Tim Knudsen 25903 Streit Rd Harvard
Steve Bridges 11412 Halma Woodstock (no show)
Joe Tachoer 15209 Manor Lane Homer Glen

S. Klin 4507 McCauley Woodstock (no show)
Karen Bergren 683 Regent Crystal Lake
Derek Enger 8N331 Ethel Winfield
Patricia McCann 1653 Wheeler Woodsotck (no show)
Jeff Albertz 630 N Sharon Woodstock
Charles Barnes 121 Pleasant Woodstock
Philip Groh 1012 Dakota Woodstock
Zac Maxwell 525 E Jackson Woodstock
Carlos Acosta 580 Prairie Ridge Woodstock
Derrick Mootrey 432 W 10th St Belvidere (no show)
Royce Madulb 2503 S Hidden Trail Spring Grove
Tim Brady 512 Blakey Woodstock
Fred Spinyes 161 Nuthatch Dr Woodstock
Thomas Krueger 9504 Thompson Woodstock
Ron Schraeda McHenry
Melinda Malo Woodstock
Craig Hallenstein Woodstock
Susane Kockler Woodstock
Mike Gogola Huntley
Brad Peter Libertyville
Daved Andes Woodstock
Bruce Portage Woodstock
Jeffrey Schroeder Woodstock
Nick Kockler Woodstock
Robby Lopez Woodstock
Jason Walters Woodstock

Motion by M. Saladin, seconded by M. Turner to table the resolution.

A roll call was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, J. Starzynski, Mayor Sager, Mike Turner.
Nays: RB Thompson, J. Dillon, None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

13. Woodstock TIF Financial Analysis

Council was asked for input on the future direction of TIF. Some items mentioned were: the VFW building to be turned into a three story parking garage, Courthouse staircase, stone veneer, roundabout, mural, and alley improvement. The Council agreed that they should look at extending the TIF and discuss it during the budget workshop.

There were no additional council comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by, M. Saladin seconded M. Larson by to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

Litigation (Open Meeting Act: 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed, and is pending before a court, or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

The City of Woodstock vs. Scott Bialis/Redlight Boutique

Council discussed a matter of imminent litigation.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, Mayor Sager, M. Turner, J. Dillon. Nays: None. Absentees: Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

The Woodstock City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 12:09AM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

The City Council returned to Open Session at 12:22AM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Starzynski, Mark Saladin, Maureen Larson, RB Thompson, J. Dillon, Mayor Sager, M. Turner

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Arleen Quinn, Economic Development Director Cort Carlson.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

R. Stelford evaluation to May 5, 2015.

No further comments on future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion M. Saladin, seconded by J. Dillon, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council to the April 21, 2015 City Council meeting. Ayes: M. Saladin, M. Larson, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski, Deputy Mayor Sager, J. Dillon, M. Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arleen Quinn- City Clerk